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A SHORT ACCOUNT

OF

The Personal Appearance



OF

JESUS CHRIST

TO

ELIZ. BROWNBILL.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED TWO

MEMORABLE RELATIONS,

FROM THE WRITING OF

The Hon. EMANUEL SWEDENBORG,

AND

A LETTER,

FROM

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*Son of Man, What is that Proverb which ye have
in the Land of Israel, saying, The Days are pro-
longed, and every Vision faileth?*

*Tell them therefore, thus saith the Lord God; I
will make this Proverb to cease, and they shall no
more use it as a Proverb in Israel; but say unto them,
The Days are at Hand, and the Effect of every
Vision.——EZECH. xii. 22, 23.*

of the Lord is that he should be
 the Lord of the living. The Day and the
 night and every thing that is
 Tell them therefore, I will be the Lord God; I
 will make the clouds my throne, and I will
 dwell in the thick darkness, but they will not
 be able to see me. The Day and the Night are at
 the Lord's service. — Exodus xlii. 14, 15.



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ELIZ. BROWN BILL,
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MAGUL, NEAR LIVERPOOL.

The Substance of the Narrative taken from her
OWN MOUTH:

The Whole of which she declares to be TRUTH.

“ I WAS born in 1752 of honest Parents.---My Father and two
“ of my Brothers were Members of the Arminian Methodist
“ Society ; but my Father, who was a Class-leader, an innocent,
“ quiet Man, with my eldest Brother, are convinced of the Doc-
“ trines of the NEW CHURCH.

“ In Obedience to the Lord, my Brother and myself who be-
“ lieve (as well as my Father) there is but one God in one Person,
“ have left the Society, and so will my Father also, when he has
“ made up his Accounts with them, being now convinced, that
“ though

“ though there are upright Souls amongst this People [who will in
 “ due Time be convinced of further Advancements in genuine Truths
 “ as well as genuine Love] yet the Preachers are preaching Lies
 “ to their Hearers ; and *not worshipping the TRUE AND ONLY*
 “ *GOD, JESUS CHRIST, alone.*

“ When I was about twelve Years of Age, I was not only con-
 “ vincted of my sinful State, but also of a Saviour, and that he
 “ came into the World to save Sinners. From this Time I went
 “ on in Sin and Rebellion against my God and Saviour, until I was
 “ was about 32 Years of Age: My particular Sins were Pride,
 “ Swearing, and taking what is called Delight in evil Company ;
 “ during which, I had many loud Calls from God, not only *in-*
 “ *wardly*, but *outwardly* also, having been in Danger of being
 “ drowned five different Times, from which, by the Mercy of
 “ God I escaped in a singular and providential Manner.---Thus I
 “ was preserved from eternal Ruin, to see the LORD JESUS,
 “ THE ONLY GOD, in open Vision,

“ There is one particular Circumstance, which, as it may lead
 “ to an Explanation of my present Happiness, I cannot forbear
 “ to mention, since, through the Divine Blessing, it may be a
 “ Means to encourage some poor, destitute, afflicted and self-
 “ condemned Soul, to trust in the Mercy of Jesus Christ the true
 “ God, and never-failing Friend of the vilest Sinners, who turn
 “ only to him with full Purpose of Heart.---

“ Having been acquainted with L—— T—— at Manchester,
 “ for about four Years, he having drawn my natural Affections, I
 “ yielded, at length, to his frequent and base Solicitations,
 “ and became pregnant. Finding myself in this Situation, O
 “ what Anguish of Mind did I suffer ! The Man whom I had thus
 “ loved, and to whom I had prostituted my Virginity, became my
 “ most unmerciful Persecutor. His *apparent* Love was then
 “ changed into hatred and Fury, and unutterably base Treatment,
 “ *inasmuch*

“ inſomuch that he not only abuſed me with his Tongue, calling me Whore, and many other Blackguard Names, beating me with his cruel Hands, but alſo threatened once to take away my Life, ſo that I was afraid to ſee him any more.

“ Reflecting on my preſent Condition, and the Diſgrace I had thus imprudently, and wickedly brought upon myſelf, and eſpecially after the Death of my Child, which lived about twenty Months, and then died of the Small-pox, being afflicted in his Sickneſs in an unuſual Manner, which I attributed to my paſt Abominations, Convictions ſeized on my Soul and pierced as Daggers to my Heart, cauſing a Conflict in my Mind which I compared to the Flames of Hell, until it pleaſed the Lord to afford me ſome Meaſure of Peace, which theſe ignorant Preachers called *Juſtification*, but which, praiſed be the Lord, I now ſee was not Juſtification, but was a ſweet Maniſtation of Peace to draw me into ſo pure and holy a State.---Neither do I now ſay I am juſtified * or made altogether holy.”

HER Experience we may ſee deſcribed in HOSEA: *Therefore, behold, I will allure her and bring her into the Wilderneſs, or into a State of Exerciſe, Sorrow, and Tribulation) and ſpeak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her Vineyards (divine Love) from thence, and the Valley of ACHOR (a State of Humiliation, or Trouble, and Conflict) for a Door of Hope,*

* The Words, Juſtification, Juſtify, &c. appear evidently to be derived from the Latin Words, *juſtus*, juſt or righteous, and *facio*, to make: Therefore, to juſtify is to make truly and really juſt, or righteous:---All which Righteouſneſs is derived from the Lord JESUS alone; according to which HE is termed, The Lord our Righteouſneſs, JER. xxiii. 6. and HE is made unto us, Wiſdom, Righteouſneſs, Sanctification, and Redemption, 2 COR. 30.

Hope, and she shall sing there, as in the Days of her Youth, (that is having regained her lost Paradise) and as in the Day when she came up out of the Land of EGYPT, (which signifies a Redemption from Darkness into the Light of genuine Truth.) And it shall be at that Day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me ISHI, (which means, in the Hebrew, Husband, or Salvation, or inexpressible Affections, flowing from a tender Husband) and shall call me no more BAALI (or Idol, Master, or Lord, that is, not having these Love-affections as a tender Husband) and in that Day will I make a Covenant for them with the Beasts of the Field (that is the good Affections) and with the Fowls of Heaven (or understanding of Truths) and with creeping Things of the Ground (or the Pleasures in the external Man from a divine Original.) And I will break the Bow of the Sword, and the Battle out of the Earth (or remove the Evils, false Doctrines and Contentions, out of the Church) and will make them to lie down safely (in Rest of Assurance in the Lord.) And I will betroth thee unto me; and thou shalt know the Lord (as the only God.) And it shall come to pass in that Day, I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the Heavens, and they shall hear the Earth; and the Earth (the Church) shall hear the Corn, and the Wine, and the Oil (that is, receive divine Love and Wisdom into the Will and Understanding;) and they shall hear JEZREEL, (which means the Seed of God, or dropping of the Friendship of God, or spiritual Truth manifested in the Mind, shewing him to be God.) And I will sow her unto me in the Earth, and I will have Mercy upon her that had not obtained Mercy; and I will say to them which were not my People (in false) thou art my People (in Truth) and they shall say thou art my God." Chap. ii. 14. to the End.

And in ISAIAH: "Sing, O Barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and CRY ALOUD, thou that didst

didst not travail with Child; for more are the Children of the desolate, than the Children of the married Wife, saith the Lord. Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed, neither be thou confounded for thou shalt not be put to Shame: For thou shalt forget the Shame of thy Youth, and shalt not remember the Reproach of thy Widowhood any more. FOR THY MAKER IS THINE HUSBAND (THE LORD OF HOSTS IS HIS NAME) AND THY REDEEMER, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, THE GOD OF THE WHOLE EARTH SHALL HE BE CALLED. For the Lord hath called thee as a Woman forsaken and grieved in Spirit, and a Wife of Youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small Moment have I forsaken thee, but with great Mercies will I gather thee. In a little Wrath (or appearing as Wrath without the Comfort of the Lord's Presence, which is Love) I hid my Face from thee for a Moment; but with everlasting Kindness will I have Mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy REDEEMER. I have sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the Mountains shall depart, and the Hills be removed, (that is evil Lusts in the Will, and false Doctrines in the Understanding) but my Kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the Covenant of my Peace be removed, saith the Lord, that hath Mercy on thee.

“ O thou afflicted, tossed with Tempest (or false Notions) and not comforted, behold I will lay thy Stones with fair Colours, and lay thy Foundations with Sapphires (with genuine Truths) and I will make thy Windows (or Perception of Truths) of Gates, and thy Gates of Carbuncles, and all thy Borders of pleasant Stones (or Truths cohering in the rational Mind derived by Influence from Heaven, especially the pleasant view of JESUS being the ONLY GOD, which is clear- and evidently rational) and all thy Children shall be taught the Lord,” ISAIAH liv. [or led by JESUS CHRIST, the true

true Sheperd of the Sheep, JOHN x. No longer be led astray by the modern Teachers of irrational Doctrines, who preach Lies, in declaring there are *three Persons* in the Godhead, and therefore in Idea *three Gods*, contrary to the positive and most obvious Meaning of the HOLY WORD ; which Personality might with equal Propriety be predicated of Man from PAUL's Words to the THES. I Epist. v. 23. *And I pray God your whole Spirit, and Soul, and Body be preserved blameless.* In which Sense, Man is declared to be created in the Image of God ; these being three essential Properties of ONE, not THREE PERSONS.] *And great shall be the Peace of thy Children* (in Consequence of this Liberty) for " *If thou may'st be made free, as saith the Apostle, use it rather, for he that is called in the Lord being a Servant, is the Lord's free Man : Likewise, he that is called being free is CHRIST's Servant. Ye are bought with a Price, be not ye the Servants of Men.*" I COR. vii. 21, 22, 23. *And the Lord himself saith, " If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."* JOHN viii. 36.

" BUT I could not rest satisfied with the first Manifestation, " My Soul still hungered for further Food ; but I knew not how to come at it. I sought in the Methodist Preachings and their Classes ; but here I could not find it. The Way and Means whereby I did find it, from Reports, I was prejudiced against. I read " *The Light of the World,*" printed by J. W. Salmon. Here I found a further Light and Operation on my Soul. I saw Religion in a New Light---I believe what A. Bourignon the Author of it, declares of the Gospel, viz. *Self-denial---Repentance---Mortification---perfect Resignation to the Will of God---the Desolation of all Churches, and the wicked State of the Preachers therein,* to be the Truth. This raised a Hunger and Thirst for a further Manifestation, for which Desires I bless and praise my Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST well knowing now he was the sole Author thereof,

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" But my Astonishment was beyond Description when my
 " Father returned from Liverpool about August last, giving an
 " Account of J. W. Salmon and R. Mather preaching in the
 " Streets, THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY GOD ;
 " I was amazed. I queried and pondered in myself again and
 " again, and Time after Time ! What ! can JESUS CHRIST
 " be the ONLY GOD ? How can this be, seeing I have been
 " taught by the Preachers, that there are three Persons in the
 " Godhead ? That the first Person was full of Wrath---the se-
 " cond Person was full of Love, and died upon the Cross to
 " put away the Wrath of the first, and when we could apply it
 " the third Person was to be sent to assure us thereof. Thus
 " was I worshipping, as the Methodists do, for whom my Soul
 " is now truly sorrowful, three Persons, AND NOT THE LORD
 " GOD, JESUS CHRIST ALONE, who is the EVERLAST-
 " ING JEHOVAH from Eternity to Eternity.

" Having heard about three Months afterwards that the same
 " Preachers were again coming to Liverpool, I was resolved to
 " hear for myself. Being full of Prejudice against them for de-
 " nying *my two Persons*, and fully determined, if possible, to
 " find out their Errors, I placed myself near them in the
 " Room. I could make no Objection. I swallowed every word.
 " But touching JESUS BEING THE ONLY GOD, I yet
 " doubted.

" The following Night, however, when the Methodist
 " Preachers began to persecute them for preaching what I now
 " see to be Truth, I was a little more convinced. The third
 " Night of their Meeting, when these Preachers came again to
 " disturb as before, I saw farther still. For Joseph Parry, one
 " of the Methodist Preachers, whose Mind I clearly see, was
 " influenced by the Devil, was the first who began this dark
 " Work. And he was the only Man in all the World, except
 " another, on whom I could depend. I was much perplexed,
 " and

" and slept but little that Night. For two Hours together, in
 " the Morning, I was much broken in weeping, particularly
 " for Joseph Parry. This was the first Time that I could from
 " my Heart pray for my Enemies ; feeling then, and now,
 " a great Love and Pity for them. At this Time I had a fur-
 " ther View concerning the Lord, but nevertheless I was in
 " some Doubt whether he was the ONLY GOD, and that
 " there was none besides him !

" In the Evening, say December the 6th, 1787, I was still
 " afraid---After Preaching it was said the Lord's Supper was
 " to be received in the primitive Way : "*Take it and*
 " *divide it among yourselves.*" Luke xxii. 17. It was also
 " said to be according to the Scriptures that none should
 " receive it, but those who believed ON JESUS ALONE,
 " AS THE ONLY GOD, and discerned HIS BODY
 " (1 Cor. xi. 29) viz. HIS GLORIFIED HUMANITY, in
 " which dwells all the Fullness of the GODHEAD.---I ven-
 " tured, nevertheless, to stay, yet had not a clear Sense of
 " the Lord in HIS GLORIFIED HUMANITY.

" When the Words of the Lord before he suffered (Luke
 " xxii.) were reading, my Heart was struck ; it began to
 " beat within me---My whole Frame shook and trembled. I
 " was never in such a Condition in all my Life. I was humb-
 " led to the Dust. I wept bitterly. It is impossible to describe
 " the Feelings of my Soul.---The Person who sat by me gave
 " me the Bread (it being handed round ;) I took it : It was in
 " three Pieces---I had no sooner swallowed it, than I found
 " my Spirit going as into a Swoon. Immediately, with the
 " Eyes of my Soul, I saw a Light brighter than the Sun, as if it
 " descended through the Ceiling : Then the Lord JESUS
 " himself appeared in the Midst of the Light, in a perfect
 " human Form---as a tall young Man, of exquisite Beauty ;
 " his Garment was like a *seamless* Snow-white Muslin-Robe
 " down to his Feet, folded and buckled round his Body

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with, brighter than a golden Girdle, about a Hand's-breadth. His Hair was a yellowish white, of a glorious and shining Colour. His Countenance was most beautiful and lovely, brighter than the Sun ; and he appeared before me as a handsome, comely young Man in the prime of Youth.

“ Having a full View of JESUS CHRIST in this glorious and unutterable Form, which the Tongue of an Angel could not describe, he being placed but about a Yard from me, with his naked Feet, about three Quarters of a Yard distant from the Floor ; a Voice inwardly testified in my Soul This is JESUS CHRIST, the Lord Jehovah, from Eternity to Eternity. This was the real God who suffered on the Cross. HE IS GOD AND THE ONLY GOD. I could no longer forbear, (though some present might think me under a Delusion), but startled from my Chair, full of extatic and rapturous Delight at this glorious Sight, saying, I see him---I see him!---I see him!---Don't you see him? This is Jesus Christ. THOU ART GOD. There is none else. HE IS ONE---HE IS ONE! ONE! ONE! not THREE!---not THREE---PERSONS! as these Preachers say, who ride about preaching for Money.” She farther said, “ The Truth is harsh : But it must be declared ; it must be preached. We must have no divided Heart, but love God alone ;”---with many other Words to the same Effect.

“ Whereupon several were surprized, and strove to quiet my Voice, lest some might be offended ; yet it is said, in ISAIAH, as it came in the Night Season to my Mind, Cry out and shout thou Inhabitant of Zion, for great is THE HOLY ONE of Israel in the midst of thee.” Chap xii. 6.

“ Being thus hushed, the Angelic Appearances, (for several Angels attended JESUS CHRIST, but their Stature was something less, and their Glory not to be compared with his

“ withdrew,) but the bright Light of his Appearance continued
 “ for a considerable Time.

“ After this I beheld the whole Heavens opened in a glorious
 “ Manner, as if paved with the brightest Gold. Here I saw
 “ Jesus Christ extended as on the Cross. It was also given me
 “ to see it was HE that suffered on the Cross. But I saw Jesus
 “ Christ now quite alone. I said, And is this the Place where
 “ such vile, sinful Creatures as we are, must ever put our Feet
 “ and dwell ?

“ During R. M.’s repeating these Words, in the Lord’s
 “ Prayer, ‘*Thy Kingdom come,*’ I could not forbear crying out
 “ *It is come---It is come---*I see the Lord Jehovah himself--
 “ ‘*Give us this Day our daily Bread.*’---*He does give it*
 “ *us !---He does give it us !*

“ The Meeting being over, it was observable, several were
 “ of different Opinions about this extraordinary Manifestation
 “ but I am sure it was JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY
 “ TRUE GOD, who appeared to a vile sinful Worm---to
 “ me who am another Magdalen, as he did formerly, out of
 “ whom he cast so many Devils, but whose Testimony the
 “ Apostles considered as idle Tales. See Luke xxiv. 10, 11
 “ He gives me a full Confidence, this is the NEW CHURCH
 “ which is meant by ‘the NEW JERUSALEM coming down
 “ from Heaven.’ Thus I am now persuaded of my former
 “ Blindness and Ignorance, and sincerely wish all to come to
 “ JESUS HIMSELF, as the only Friend of Sinners---THE
 “ ONLY GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
 “ who will receive them graciously, and love them, freely
 “ for he says, ‘Him that cometh unto ME I will in no wise
 “ cast out.’

“ Where

" When I entered my Lodging the Light appeared, but
 not Jesus Christ. My Heart glowed afresh, insomuch that
 I was constrained to declare what I saw and had seen to the
 People of the House, the Mistress of which could not bear it.
 I told both Husband and Wife how much they were deficient of
 being the real Children of God, though they are Methodists ;
 that they must become little, and be humbled, and weep at
 his Feet like Mary. That they must be redeemed from Pre-
 judice, and Pride, and give themselves to Prayer, and Jesus
 Christ would reveal himself to them to be the **ONLY**
GOD, as he had done to me---with various other Things,
 most of which, though they were deeply affected, I believe,
 they could not receive.——

" Now it may appear strange, that so vile a Creature as I
 am should be so favoured. So full of Pride, Lust, and the
 Devil, as I have been---So full of Prejudice against **THE**
LORD JESUS BEING THE ONLY GOD,
 as well as against his Servants ; that the Lord should conde-
 scend to reveal himself **IN PERSON** to me, in so visible and
 plain a Manner. O that I might praise him for ever !

" During R. M.'s Exhortation, he declared the Holy Ghost
 would come down, as he believed Jesus Christ was then pre-
 sent with his holy Angels in the Room---So said J. W. S.
 He further declared that Females would see Visions, and
 were now called to prophesy as in ancient Days in the
 Lord's Name, calling aloud to the Females, ' O ye Fe-
 males, who have been kept under by proud Men, arise and
 come forth, for the Lord is anointing many among you to
 testify that **THE LORD JESUS IS THE ONLY**
GOD, ' at the same Time, saying, ' I feel the Holy Ghost
 dictate these Things while I speak.'---Thus his Words were
 " realized

“ realized in my Experience.---O sing Praises, sing Praises to
 “ the Lord for ever and ever.

“ I do not give this Account from Pride, or Vain-glory,
 “ but at the Request of some Friends, being willing to expose
 “ my secret Sins before the Face of the whole World, that the
 “ vilest of the Vile may not be afraid of coming to SUCH A
 “ GOD OF LOVE AS I HAVE SEEN IN HIS GLORIFIED
 “ HUMANITY.---O he is Love---He is Love---There is no
 “ Wrath in the true God Jesus Christ the ONLY EVERLAST-
 “ ING JEHOVAH, who liveth and reigneth for ever and
 “ ever.”

R E M A R K S :

BY C. H A R F O R D, CHURCH-STREET,
 L I V E R P O O L.

ON the 6th of December, 1787, J. W. S. and R. M. preached in Lancelot-Hey, in Liverpool.---After preaching we received the holy Supper. R. M. spoke in a powerful Manner, and said that the Lord was about to manifest himself to some Woman in the Assembly, when the Power of God was felt in a remarkable Manner amongst the Women in particular.---One of the Women, whose Name was E. B. cried out aloud, that she saw the Heavens open and the LORD JESUS surrounded with Angels clothed in a white Robe down to his Feet, and girt about his Body, declaring, Thou art *the everlasting Jehovah from Eternity to Eternity*---O I see him! I see him! I see him! Do not you see him? O sing Praises, sing Praises, sing Praises---Aleluia! Aleluia! Aleluia! sing Praises! sing Praises!

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to the glorious Light I see ! far surpassing the Light of the Sun
 --O the golden Pavement ! who is worthy to tread thereon, &c. !
 what an unworthy Woman am I ! that I should be permitted
 to see the Lord, and then cried aloud : " O Friends, if any of
 you see the Sight, why don't you, why don't you speak ? Be
 not ashamed to speak the truth. "

REMARKS on the same :

By C—— H——.

SOME said she was drunk---So said they at the Day of
 Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost came down on the Disciples---
 again Mary Magdalen repented with great Humility at the
 feet of the Lord, and to *her* the Lord first appeared after his
 resurrection. Also this Woman in Humility came to R. M.
 J. W. S. in the Morning before this Manifestation, and
 confessed her Sins, even that she had been guilty of the Breach
 of Chastity. Thus the Lord chose a Magdalen to confound the
 Professors, and convince them that the very Harlots shall
 enter the Kingdom of Heaven before them. At first I thought
 it might be Enthusiasm, but suspended my Thoughts that
 might judge by her Discourse, and found that she spoke
scripturally and rationally.

C—— H——

THUS, we see a plain rational and scriptural Account of the Experience of a simple Woman, and how the Lord still make choice of "Babes and Sucklings, whereby to perfect his Praise."---No wonder that the Scribes and Pharisees of old despised our Lord for suffering his Disciples, on his manifesting himself to them as JEHOVAH, to shout "Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Nor will it be any Wonder if the modern Scribes and Pharisees reject the Testimony of this dear Soul, whose Mind was thus captivated in Sin and Error. We must indeed conclude that Babylon the Great (the present Antichristian Church) is falling and that the Lord is coming to the Gates of the Earth to change the Face thereof, and to manifest his Power and Glory among Men.

There will, no Doubt, be various Opinions respecting this extraordinary Manifestation---Some will object against the Matter.---Some against the Manner. This was the Conduct of the Jews of old. They objected, and said, That JESUS was a blasphemer, because he being a Man made himself their God, and therefore stoned him because he asserted his sole Divinity as the I AM, or JEHOVAH, MESSIAS, or CHRIST.

The Strangers at Jerusalem, when the Holy Ghost was manifested, hearing the Things then declared, mocked them and, drunken with New Wine. Some may be prone to object against the whole of this as Delusion; but let such take care lest they be found fighting against God. Let them not judge of Things beyond their Reach; but be more willing to resist the World, the Flesh and the Devil, than talk about it, and in due Time they may come to see that JESUS whom they are now despising and persecuting. For he still trieth the Reins and searcheth the Hearts, and giveth to every Man according to his Works, whether they be good or evil.---O that Mankind were wise, and not resist his Goodness and Truth!----Then we should joyfully

behold the fulfilment of our Lord's Saying : " By this shall all Men know that ye are my Disciples, if ye love one another."

But having a Desire to throw a little further Light upon the foregoing Narrative, we beg Leave to annex the following Extracts from Baron Swedenborg's " True Christian Religion," being some memorable Relations which he heard and saw during his Vision in the Spiritual World, which may tend to confirm this essential Point of Doctrine respecting the Lord's sole Divinity.

THE HONOURABLE
EMANUEL SWEDENBORG'S
 MEMORABLE RELATION.

[From *True Christian Theology*, No. 188.]

INASMUCH as the Lord hath favoured me with a Sight of the wonderful Things that are in the Heavens, and under the Heavens, it is therefore my Duty, in Obedience to his Command, to relate what I have seen. There was shewn me a magnificent Palace, with a Temple in its inner Courts, and in the Midst of the Temple was a Table of Gold, on which lay the Word, and two Angels stood beside it. About the Table were three Rows of Seats; the Seats of the first Row were covered with Silk Damask, of a purple Colour; the Seats of the second Row with Silk Damask, of a blue Colour; and the Seats of the third Row with white Cloth. Below the Roof, high above the Table, there was seen a spreading Curtain, which shone with precious Stones, from whose Lustre there issued forth a bright Appearance

Appearance as of a Rainbow, when the Firmament is clear and serene after a Shower. Suddenly there appeared a Number of Clergy sitting on the Seats, all clothed in the Garments of their sacerdotal Office. On one Side was a Vestry, where an Angel who had the Care of it, attended, and within lay rich Vestments in most beautiful and exact Order. It was a COUNCIL CONVENED BY THE LORD; and I heard a Voice from Heaven saying, DELIBERATE; but they said, On what? It was said, concerning the LORD the SAVIOUR, and concerning the HOLY GHOST; but when they began to think on these Subjects they were without Illumination; wherefore they made Supplication, and immediately Light issued down out of Heaven which first enlightened the hinder Part of their Heads, and afterwards their Temples, and last of all their Faces; and then they began their Deliberation, and as they were commanded, FIRST CONCERNING THE LORD THE SAVIOUR; the first Proposition, and Matter of Enquiry was, Who ASSUMED THE HUMANITY IN THE VIRGIN MARY? And an Angel standing at the Table, on which the Word lay, read before them these Words in Luke, *The Angel said unto Mary, behold thou shalt conceive in thy Womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call his Name JESUS; he shall be great, and shall be called The SON OF THE HIGHEST. And Mary said to the Angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a Man? And the Angel answering said, THE HOLY GHOST SHALL COME UPON THEE, AND THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST SHALL OVERSHADOW THEE, wherefore also that HOLY THING which shall be born of thee shall be called THE SON OF GOD*, chap. i. 31, 32, 34, 35. Then he read also the Words in Matthew, *The Angel said to Joseph in a Dream Joseph, thou Son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy Wife, FOR THAT WHICH IS BORN IN HER IS OF THE HOLY GHOST, and JOSEPH KNEW HER NOT, till she had brought forth her first born Son, and she called his Name JESUS*, chap. i. 20, 25. And besides these Passages

e read many more out of the Evangelists, as *Matt.* iii. 17.
 chap. xvii. 5. *John* i. 18. chap. iii. 16. chap. xx. 31. and
 several other Places, where the Lord, as to his Humanity, is
 called THE SON OF GOD, and where he, from his Huma-
 nity, calleth Jehovah HIS FATHER ; and also out of the
 Prophets, where it is foretold that Jehovah should come
 into the World ; particularly these two Passages in *Isaiah*,
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Appearance as of a Rainbow, when the Firmament is clear and serene after a Shower. Suddenly there appeared a Number of Clergy sitting on the Seats, all clothed in the Garments of their sacerdotal Office. On one Side was a Vestry, where an Angel, who had the Care of it, attended, and within lay rich Vestments in most beautiful and exact Order. It was a COUNCIL CONVENED BY THE LORD; and I heard a Voice from Heaven, saying, DELIBERATE; but they said, On what? It was said, concerning the LORD the SAVIOUR, and concerning the HOLY GHOST; but when they began to think on these Subjects they were without Illumination; wherefore they made Supplication, and immediately Light issued down out of Heaven, which first enlightened the hinder Part of their Heads, and afterwards their Temples, and last of all their Faces; and then they began their Deliberation, and as they were commanded, FIRST CONCERNING THE LORD THE SAVIOUR; the first Proposition, and Matter of Enquiry was, Who ASSUMED THE HUMANITY IN THE VIRGIN MARY? And an Angel standing at the Table, on which the Word lay, read before them these Words in Luke, *The Angel said unto Mary, behold thou shalt conceive in thy Womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call his Name JESUS; he shall be great, and shall be called The SON OF THE HIGHEST. And Mary said to the Angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a Man? And the Angel answering said, THE HOLY GHOST SHALL COME UPON THEE, AND THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST SHALL OVERSHADOW THEE, wherefore also that HOLY THING which shall be born of thee shall be called THE SON OF GOD*, chap. i. 31, 32, 34, 35. Then he read also these Words in Matthew, *The Angel said to Joseph in a Dream, Joseph, thou Son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy Wife, FOR THAT WHICH IS BORN IN HER IS OF THE HOLY GHOST, and JOSEPH KNEW HER NOT, till she had brought forth her first born Son, and she called his Name JESUS*, chap. i. 20, 25. And besides these Passage

and read many more out of the Evangelists, as *Matt.* iii. 17.
chap. xvii. 5. *John* i. 18. *chap.* iii. 16. *chap.* xx. 31. and
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From all these Passages collected, they that sat on the Seats were unanimously confirmed in this Opinion, viz. that Jehovah Himself assumed the Humanity, for the Purpose of redeeming and saving Mankind. But instantly a Voice was heard from some Roman Catholics, who had hid themselves behind the Altar saying, How was it possible for Jehovah God to become a Man? Is not he the Creator of the Universe? And one of those who sat on the second Row of Seats turned himself towards the Voice and said, Who was it then? And he who had been concealed behind the Altar, standing then near the Altar, replied, THE SON BEGOTTEN FROM ETERNITY; but Answer was returned, Is not the Son begotten from Eternity, according to your Confession, the Creator also of the Universe? and what is a Son and a God, born from Eternity? And how is it possible for the Divine Essence, which is One, and Individual, to be separated so that one Part can descend without the whole? Another Matter of Enquiry concerning the Lord was, Whether, or no, according to this Reasoning, the Father and He are One, as the Soul and the Body are One? and they said, that this must follow.

ow of Consequence, inasmuch as the Soul is from the Father.
 Then one of those who sat on the third Row of Seats read, out
 of the Confession of Faith, called the Athanasian Creed, the
 following Passage, *Although our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son
 of God, is God and Man, yet he is not two, but one Christ, one
 altogether*, by Unity of Person; for as the Soul and Body make
 one Man, so God and Man are one CHRIST. He added that
 the Creed, containing these Words, is received throughout the
 whole Christian World, even by the Roman Chatholics; then
 they said, What need have we of further Proof? 'The Father
 and He are One, as the Soul and the Body are One; and since
 this is the Case, we perceive that the Humanity of the Lord is
 Divine, because it is the Humanity of Jehovah; and also that the
 Lord ought to be approached as to his Divine Humanity, because
 this is the only possible Way to come at the Divinity which is
 called the Father. This Conclusion the Angel confirmed by se-
 veral Passages out of the Word; amongst which were these,
*Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and his
 Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor*, the mighty God,
 the Everlasting Father, *the Prince of Peace*, Isaiah ix. 5.
*Doubtless thou art Our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of
 us, and Israel acknowledge us not; Thou JEHOVAH art our
 Father, Our Redeemer, thy Name is from Everlasting*, chap.
 xiii. 16. *Jesus said, He that believeth on me, believeth on
 him that sent me, and he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me*,
 John xii. 44. 45. *Philip sad unto Jesus, shew us the Father;*
*Jesus saith unto him, He that seeth Me, seeth the Father; how
 canst thou sayest thou, shew us the Father? believest thou not that
 I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, believe me, That I
 am in the Father, and the Father in Me, John xiv. 8, 9.*
Jesus said, I and the Father are One, chap. x. 30. And
 again, *All things that the Father hath are mine, and all mine
 are the Father's*, chap. xvi. 15. chap. xvii. 10. Lastly,
*Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no Man
 cometh to the Father, but by Me*, chap. xiv. 6. To this the
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Angel added, that the same Things which are here spoken by the Lord of himself, and his Father, may also be spoken by Man with respect to himself, and his Soul. When the Angel ended, they all declared with one Mouth, and one Heart, that the Humanity of the Lord is Divine, and that it ought to be approached in order to come at the Father ; inasmuch as Jehovah God, by it, sent himself into the World, and made himself visible to Mankind, and thereby gave them Access unto him : In like Manner he made himself visible to Men of old Time, in an human Form, and so gave them Access unto him ; but that was by Means of an Angel ; and as this Form was representative of the Lord who was about to come into the World, and therefore all Things in the Church at that Time were Representatives.

After this they proceeded to deliberate about the HOLY GHOST, and previous thereto, they laid open the Idea generally received concerning GOD the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST, which is, that God the Father is seated on high with his Son at his right Hand, and that by them is sent forth the Holy Ghost, to enlighten, instruct, justify, and sanctify Mankind. But instantly a Voice was heard from Heaven, saying, We cannot endure an Idea formed on such a Conception ; who doth not know that Jehovah God is Omnipresent ? And whosoever knoweth and acknowledgeth this Truth, may also acknowledge that it is he who enlighteneth, instructeth, sanctifieth, and justifieth, and not a mediating God distinct from him ; much less is it a thing that God proceeding from two others, as a Person from a Person, wherefore let the former Idea, which is vain and frivolous, be removed, and let this, which is just and right, be received, and then you will see clearly. But immediately a Voice was heard from the Roman Catholics, who stood near the Altar, saying, What then is the HOLY GHOST, mentioned in the Writings of the Evangelists, and Paul, by whom so many learned Men among the Clergy, and particularly of our own Church, profess themselves to be guided ? What Person in Christendom at this De-

denieth the Holy Ghost, and his Operations? Upon this, one who sat on the second Row of Seats, turned towards the Altar, and said, Ye insist that the Holy Ghost is a distinct Person of himself, and a distinct God of himself; but what is a Person coming forth, and proceeding from a Person, except the Operation which cometh forth, and proceedeth? One Person cannot come forth and proceed from another, but Operation can; or what is a God, coming forth, and proceeding from a God, but the Divine which cometh forth, and proceedeth? One God cannot come forth and proceed from another, and by another, but what is Divine may come forth, and proceed from one God. On hearing these Words they that sat on the Seats, unanimously agreed in this Conclusion, that the Holy Ghost is not a distinct Person of himself, consequently not a distinct God of himself, but that by the Holy Ghost is meant the Holy Divine, coming forth, and proceeding, from the One only Omnipresent God, who is the Lord. To this the Angels, who stood at the golden Table, whereon the Word was placed, said, Well; it is not written in any Part of the Old Testament that the Prophets spake the Word from the Holy Ghost, but from Jehovah; and wherever the Holy Ghost is mentioned in the New Testament, it signifies the Divine Proceeding, which is the Divine that enlighteneth, instructeth, vivifieth, reformeth, and regenerateth. After this came on another Subject of Enquiry respecting the Holy Ghost, viz. From whom proceedeth the Divine which is signified by the Holy Ghost; from the Father, or from the Lord? And whilst they were engaged in this Enquiry, there shone a Light from Heaven, whereby they saw, that the Holy Divine, which is signified by the Holy Ghost, doth not proceed from the Father through the Lord, but of the Lord from the Father, comparatively as in the Case of every individual Man, whose activity doth not proceed from the Soul through the Body, but of the Body from the Soul. This the Angel who stood at the Table confirmed by these Passages from the Word, *He whom the Father hath sent speaketh the Words of God; for God giveth*

not the Spirit by Measure unto him, the Father loveth the Son, and hath given all Things into his Hand, John iii. 34, 35. There shall come forth a Rod out of the Stem of Jesse; the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the Spirit of Wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, Isaiah xi. 1, 2. That the Spirit of Jehovah was put upon him, and was in him, chap. xlii. 1. lix. 19, 21. chap. lxi. 1. Luke iv. 18. When the Holy Ghost shall come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, John xv. 26. He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you; all Things that the Father hath are Mine, wherefore I said, that he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you, John xvi. 14, 15. If I depart, I will send the Comforter unto you, John xvi. 7. That the Comforter is the HOLY GHOST, John xiv. 26. The Holy Ghost was not yet given, because JESUS was not yet glorified, John vii. 39. But after his Glorification, JESUS breathed on his Disciples and said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost, John xx. 22. And in the Revelations, Who shall not glorify thy Name, O Lord, because Thou only art Holy, xv. 4. In so much as the Divine Operation of the Lord, by Virtue of his Divine Omnipresence, is signified by the Holy Ghost, therefore when the Lord spake to his Disciples concerning the Holy Ghost, whom he would send from the Father, he also said, I will not leave you Comfortless, I go away, and come again unto you. And in that Day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in Me, and I in you, John xiv. 18, 20, 28. And just before his Departure out of the World he said, Lo! I am with you always even to the End of the World, Matt. xxviii. 20. Having read these Words in their Presence, the Angel said, From these, and many other Passages in the Word, it is evident that the Divine, which is called the Holy Ghost, proceedeth of the Lord from the Father. Whereupon they that sat on the Seats all confessed, THIS IS DIVINE TRUTH.

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Lastly, This Decree was passed, that from what hath been deliberated in this Council, we see clearly, and of Consequence acknowledge as holy Truth, that in the Lord God the Saviour Jesus Christ there is a Divine Trinity, consisting of the all-begetting Divinity, which is called Father, the Divine Humanity, which is called Son, and the Divine Proceeding, which is called the Holy Ghost ; then they lifted up their Voices together, saying, IN JESUS CHRIST DWELLETH ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY, Coloss. ii. 9. Thus there is One God in the Church.

When these Conclusions were determined in that magnificent Council, they rose up to depart ; and the Angel, the Keeper of the Vestry, presented to each of them, who sat on the Seats, rich shining Garments, interwoven here and there with Threads of Gold, and said, Receive ye these WEDDING GARMENTS. And they were conducted in a glorious Manner to the New Christian Heaven, with which the Church of the Lord on Earth, which is the New Jerusalem, is to be joined.

THE HONOURABLE
EMANUEL SWEDENBORG'S
 Fifth MEMORABLE RELATION.

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ON a Time whilst I was meditating on the Lord's second Advent, there suddenly appeared a Beam of Light, which darting powerfully upon my Eyes, caused me to look upwards, and lo! the whole Heaven above me appeared luminous, and from the

the East to the West was heard a long continued GLORIFICATION, and an Angel stood near and said, " That Glorification is a Glorification of the Lord for his Advent, and is uttered by the Angels of the Eastern and Western Heaven. From the Southern and Northern Heaven nothing was to be heard but a kind of soft and gentle Murmur ; and whereas the Angel heard every Thing, he told me in the first Place, that those Glorifications and Celebrations of the Lord, were expressed from the Word ; and presently he said, Now they glorify and celebrate the Lord in particular by these Words in the Prophet Daniel,--- *Thou sawest Iron mixed with miry Clay, but they shall not cleave one to another ; and in those Days shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed ; it shall break in Pieces and consume all these Kingdoms, but it shall stand for ever,* chap. ii. 43, 44. After this I heard as it were a Voice of Singing, and further in the East I saw a shining Light brighter than the former, and I asked the Angel what was the Subject of their Glorification in that Quarter ? He said, These Words in Daniel,--- *I saw in the Night Visions, and behold, One like the SON OF MAN came with the Clouds of Heaven ; and there was given him Dominion, and Glory, and a Kingdom, that all People, Nations and Languages should serve him ; His Dominion is an everlasting Dominion, which shall not pass away, and his Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.* chap. vii. 13, 14. They are further celebrating the Lord, by these Words in the Revelations,--- *To Jesus Christ be Glory and Dominion for ever and ever ; behold, He cometh with Clouds ; He is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last, Which Is, Which Was, and Which Is To Come, the Almighty ; I John heard this from THE SON OF MAN out of the Midst of the seven Candlesticks,* chap. i. 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13. xx. 13. And also from Matt. xxiv. 30, 31. I looked again towards the Eastern Heaven, and it was illuminated on the right Side, and the lu-

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inous Splendour entered into the Southern Expanse, and I
 heard a sweet Sound, and asked the Angel, What is the subject
 of their Glorification in that Quarter? He answered, These
 Words in the Revelations, *I saw a new Heaven, and a new
 Earth; and I saw the holy City, new Jerusalem, coming
 down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned
 for her Husband; and I heard a great Voice out of Heaven,
 saying, Behold the Tabernacle of God is with Men, and He
 will dwell with them. And the Angel talked with me and
 said, Come hither, I will shew thee The Bride, the Lamb's
 Wife, and he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and
 high Mountain, and shewed me that great City, the holy Je-
 rusalem, Rev. xii.--xxi. 1, 2, 9, 10. Also these Words, *I
 Jesus am the bright and Morning Star; and the Spirit, and
 the Bride say, Come, and he said I. come quickly: Amen;
 then so Come Lord JESUS, Rev. xxii. 16, 17, 20. After
 these and many more, there was heard a general Glorification
 from the East to the West of Heaven, and also from the South
 to the North; and I asked the Angel, What is now the Sub-
 ject of Glorification? And he said, These Passages from the Pro-
 phets, *All flesh shall know that I JEHOVAH am thy Saviour
 and thy Redeemer, Isaiah, xlix. 26. Thus saith Jehovah the
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 First, and the Last, and beside Me there is no God, Chap. xlv.***

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ous Branch, who shall reign as a King, and this is his Name
 JEHOVAH our Righteousness, Jer. xxiii. 5, 6.---xxxiii. 15, 16
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 my Heart exulted within me, and I went home with Joy, and
 there returned into the Body, from being in the Spirit, and
 wrote the Things which I had seen and heard.

To these two Memorable Relations we shall subjoin the Copy
of a Letter, received from a Society of the NEW CHURCH
Poland, who are Gentlemen of no small Consequence in the
World of Letters, Fortune, &c. the Spirit of which Letter
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Children of the New Kingdom,

AT L O N D O N.

Very dear and well-beloved BRETHREN,

AFTER having returned the most sincere Thanks to the Lord our God, that he hath been pleased to permit our very dear Brother *Grabianka* (who was known to you by the Name of *Sutkowski*) to come amongst us, a Circumstance that we have long desired, We hasten to join him in returning you the most sincere Thanks for the civil and distinguished Manner in which you treated him while he dwelt amongst you.---We thank you equally for the inestimable present you made him of several of the Works of *Emanuel Swedenborg*, to be delivered to our Society as a Pledge of the Union which the Lord is about to form between us. We have received them with Transports of the most lively Joy, and will take that Care of them which they deserve, and also present them to the rest of our Brethren, as the precious Mark of your Friendship.---Long before we were acquainted with the Writings of this Author, Heaven had condescended to reveal to us the great Truths which they contain, and to assure us in a very particular Manner, that the Voice of JESUS CHRIST descended into his Heart, and endowed him with Knowledge.

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We know further that his Works contain, under the Veil the most simple Diction, a Depth and a Sublimity, which put them out of the Reach of those who are not advanced in the spiritual Life; and consequently let no one flatter himself that he can obtain the true Sense of them, if he be not assisted by the Light from above.

To the Representation which our very dear Brother *Grabianka* has given us of the Desire of knowing the Truth which animates all the Members of your Society; of the Eagerness and Ardor shewn by each of you in his Researches after it; of the constant Emulation which directs and supports you in this pious and holy Study; he has added the Particulars of what he has communicated to you relative to us: though we are persuaded you have given an entire Confidence to what he told you, we think it our Duty to confirm his Assertions.

Yes, very dear Brethren, there exists a Society which the Lord JESUS CHRIST has formed.---It was in the Year 1778 and in the North of Europe, that he was pleased in his Mercy to lay the Foundations thereof. Some of those who were first favoured by his Choice received afterwards Orders to go to the South. Five of this Number being reunited, expected for some Time past their very dear Brother *Grabianka*, who notwithstanding his Desire to be with them, has not been able to gratify 'till now, because he has been obliged, first to pass through the thorny Path pointed out to him by Heaven. The rest, who are dispersed in different Countries, earnestly expect to obtain the same Order. We know already that one of them, who has nearly finished his first Course, will very soon join us. The ensuing Spring will bring back fifteen, and we expect many more Brethren and Sisters, who we know will be called in the Course of this Year.

The Spirit of God, who breathes in the Souls of all Men ; elects indiscriminately from all Nations, those whom the Love of Truth raises and directs constantly towards its Sanctuary, by receiving continually the Divine Influences of his Holy Spirit, will no Doubt contribute the most to constitute this New People of the Lord. Dear Englishmen, very dear and well-beloved Brethren, If you knew the Favours that Heaven already bestows upon many amongst you, how would your Hearts be penetrated with holy Joy ? Happy Nation thou shalt tread Falshood under thy Feet, and when the Arms of Truth have ascertained thy triumph, Peace will take Refuge in thy Bosom. And thou shalt acquire immortal Glory by placing thyself under the Banners of JESUS CHRIST.

The Time not being yet arrived for Mysteries to cease, we pass rapidly over this Subject, in Expectation of the Moment of complete Manifestation.

But in passing through the Interval which will conduct us to that Period we will employ every Moment to unite ourselves with you in Heart and Mind to adore the Lord, and through the Aid of his Holy Spirit to practise every Christian Virtue. Acting thus we shall fulfil the Orders which Heaven has given relative to you ; and as we have received the same Orders in respect to several other Societies, who like you walk in the ways of CHRIST, we hasten to fulfil them also, in Obedience to the Command. For the Will of God is his Word, the Word of God is his powerful Virtue, and his Virtue is the Light of the world.

Eight successive Years passed away in the Obscurity and Silence imposed upon the greatest Part amongst us, have at last brought us to this happy day, wherein we are to open our Hearts to our Brethren, and draw from theirs that Reciprocation of Fraternal

Fraternal Friendship which we bear towards them in JESUS CHRIST.

After this we hope that in receiving from us the first Ideas you will desire to form one and the same Soul with us to praise to bless, and to adore the Lord ; and that your Love towards him will make you ardently desire to be of the Number of those whom he shall deign to choose to labour towards dissipating the thick Darkness which covers the Earth ; to annihilate the fatal Errors which keep the Truth in Captivity by subjecting the Minds of Men thereto ! To endeavour to bring back the Wanderers from the broad Roads of Iniquity, and lead them into the Paths of Righteousness : In a Word, to dispose them to receive revealed Truths and prepare the Way of the Lord for his New People. *For, very dear Brethren, the Angel that stands before the Face of the Lamb, is already sent to sound his Trumpet on the Mountains of Babylon, and give Notice to the Nations, that the GOD of Heaven will soon come to the Gates of the Earth to change the Face of the World, and to manifest his Power and Glory.*

We hope also, that you will pray to the Lord for us, as we ask of him for you, the Spiritual Assistance we stand in need of in order to serve him with Fidelity ; for the Glory of GOD, be the sole End which we are to propose to ourselves in our Labours, and the Good of our Brethren, the Fruit of it we contribute both, while we mutually assist and support each other in the Ways of JESUS CHRIST.

Let us then unite our Hearts, to give Glory to the Lord High, who calls us, for if we hear him we shall understand him, and if we understand him we shall be blessed.

Let us remain immerfed in the Love of our Lord. He will open to us the Path of his Myfteries, and this mighty GOD

coming our Glory, will make us become his, and by him we shall live in him, and for him.

Prosperity, Joy, Happiness, to those who desire to follow his Word, because they will become his Children.

May you, very dear Brethren, be all of this Number: We desire it most sincerely, and it is with these Sentiments that we beg of you, to accept the Testimonies of the most fraternal Affection and particular Esteem, with which we are,

Very dear and well-beloved ENGLISHMEN,

Your Brethren in JESUS CHRIST,

Signed

By COUNT GRABIANKA, and Five others.

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